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PADLOCKING THE PUBLICISTS

NEVER has the press of the United States suffered more from a despotic censorship than while attending the peace congress in Paris. The administration apparently is intent on a policy of suppression which is carried out with tyrannical severity among the correspondents holding commissions from the leading newspapers of the country. When Postmaster General Burleson took over the lines of the Mackay cable system as a war measure after the armistice was signed it was anticipated that the move had some ulterior motive which was disclosed soon after the arrival of Woodrow Wilson in Paris with his cohorts of official reporters. Nothing was permitted over the cables leading to the United States except such matter as was first submitted to the director general of publicity for whose ability and judgment the press men had unmitigated contempt. British and Italian correspondents could send what they pleased to their papers but the Americans were tied hand and foot and a gap thrust between their teeth when it came to the matter of sending home facts concerning movements of the president or preliminaries of the peace congress. The men who are compelled to submit to this indignity are not the understrappers of journalism but are able writers whose names are household words, men who have made and unmade presidents and public functionaries and who have been engaged in the life work of dealing with public questions. Measured by salary it may be mentioned that some of these men receive each year more than three times as much as any cabinet officer and, what's more, the income is founded strictly on merit and the value of the writer's services to his paper or chain of journals. It is galling to think that such men should have to submit to the whims of a chief executive whose outraging campaign of self exaltation for the past six years has made him an object of derision in the press gallery at Washington. Mr. Wilson has no hesitation in defying precedents in staging his own appearance in Europe for he is the first man who ever held the office who has not been guided by the wishes of the Washington correspondents in dealing with the amenities due the newspaper fraternity. Mr. Wilson is rapidly alienating himself from the plain people of the United States whom he seems to have forgotten as he has never been guilty of referring to either the nation, its citizens or the constitution since he set foot on European soil. Every speech bristles with the pronoun "I" which has been worked overtime in an effort to convince Europe that it is Mr. Wilson, and not the United States that is doing things to bring about a world-wide peace. The man who went over to overthrow the autocracies of Europe is displaying much of the same old traits that brought about the discomfiture of the central powers and, unless he meets with a prompt rebuke, he will likely be emulating the late kaiser on his return to the country whose freedom of press he so grossly misrepresents.

HENRY FORD'S EAGLE BOATS

FORD, the flivver man, is a favorite son of the administration, who will profit to the tune of \$50,000,000 by reason of a trifling contract for boats thrust upon him by Mr. Wilson and Secretary of the Navy Daniels. Had the candidate who is now contesting the election of Commander Newberry lived up to his contract the U. S. navy would have been richer by 33 eagle chasers by December 15. As a matter of fact exactly seven are completed by that date. Of these seven six were rushed to the coast through the Canadian canals in a leading condition which threatened to founder them before they reached a port where repairs could be made. The first eagle leaked so badly owing to bad riveting that she had to be calked by electric welding. And this at a time when the world's greatest need was for craft for combating the submarine menace. For the construction of the plant on the River Rouge, southwest of Detroit, on land owned by Ford, the navy advanced every dollar estimated at \$3,500,000. Under his contract Ford will take over the magnificent \$3,500,000 works at practically his own figure for the construction of barges. All this in face of his voluntarily unequivocal declaration that he would not accept one dollar in war profits. All this, combined with the navy's refusal to cut short eagle production after the war, looms up as the biggest industrial scandal of the war. Were the war still on and the Hun's submarines still polluting the seas, Ford's non-performance would be accepted as one of the fortunes of the war. But when the navy insists on adhering to a type of boat that is designed primarily for sweeping the seas of U boats—which now are no more—and that is admittedly too costly for auxiliary work, then and there objection arises to throwing \$50,000,000 or more into a rat hole. Originally estimated to cost \$275,000 or thereabouts the eagle boats are being delivered to the government for a consideration of \$532,000 each. This is the man who is contesting a seat in the U. S. senate on the ground that his opponent spent more than the laws allow during his campaign.

LET THE SOLDIERS STARVE

WHILE President Wilson is hobnobbing with royalty thousands of loyal American soldiers are near starving in cities adjacent to the cantonments where they remain stranded after serving their country faithfully and conscientiously. Secretary of War Baker has issued an appealing notice to the fighting men of the nation to respect the uniform by refraining from visiting vicious resorts or mixing with the plain people. He does not say why the wages for five, six or seven months have not been forthcoming nor does he tell why families of our fighting men have been allowed to become objects of charity through neglect of the paymaster in not sending their allotments monthly. A hundred million dollars is asked for starving Europe, including our late foe, the Hun, and the president is pressing the demand with inexorable political strength by whipping in every Democratic member of congress to vote without questioning the why or wherefore of the demand. Seattle unions

have raised a subscription to keep the soldiers from becoming public charges and that city is also imploring Washington to get action on the administration. The Democrats have not alone combated them of their political rights, all of which will be remembered two years hence.

If the 150 tons of information collected by Colonel House and his corps of 150 college professors had been lost en route to Europe the peace conference would have had to be postponed for a couple of years.

What a time some people have with their press agents. William Bayard Hale is followed into the discard by George Creel, who has just given up the job of discovering America to Europe.

KENTUCKY HORSES HOLD THEIR OWN IN CUBA

(By Associated Press)

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 20.—Kentucky horses and owners, although overshadowed numerically by stables of New York and other eastern states, are holding first honors in winning races and as largest money winners, at the Oriental park race course here.

Records for the first eleven days racing here show the Kentucky horses won 28 races as against 21 by Maryland and New York combinations. Eight were won by Cuban owned horses and 12 horses from various other localities. The blue-grass turfmen started their horses several days after the season began and entries were scarce, but later from one to three was entered in every race.

Kentucky owners are anxious to try their famous racers against those representing large eastern stables during the meeting. Kentucky leads all competitors in races won, and J. Dreyer, the contract rider for Weir, is leading jockeys in winning mounts. During the eleven days, this stable won nine races and a total of \$4000 in purses. Kentucky turfmen and horses won the big end of last year's race meet here, and hope to repeat the performance this season.

100,000 HORSES MARKED DOWN FOR SLAUGHTER

(Correspondence Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Owing to lack of ships to bring them to England, 100,000 horses and mules of the British armies in the eastern theaters of the war are to be sold to the Arabs or destroyed. The announcement has been made by

Major General Sir W. H. Birkbeck, director of remounts. He has also stated that, of the British army's total of 750,000 horses in Europe, a large number of which were purchased in the United States, only those that are sound and under 10 years old will be shipped here.

WOMEN HECKLED WINSTON CHURCHILL

(Correspondence Associated Press)

DUNDEE, Scotland, Dec. 24.—Winston Churchill, the British minister of munitions, was so heckled by the women before whom he spoke in his home town during the recent parliamentary campaign, that he finally retorted: "I am only a man, not an encyclopedia." His audience was composed exclusively of women and their heckling exceeded that of the average audience of men.

After Mr. Churchill had appealed to the women to stop quizzing him so sharply, they adopted a resolution supporting his candidacy.

WOMAN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The Blue Mound Country club of Milwaukee, is to be the field for a 1919 championship tournament of the Women's Western Golf association. The award will be made at the next meeting of the association, scheduled for February. The 1919 tournament was held at Indian Hill Country club, Winnetka, Illinois.

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The following is an extract from a letter of a Red Cross hospital representative:

"The men like the comfort kits better than anything the Red Cross gives them. We have asked dozens of them what they like best of all that is given them—tobacco, magazines, amusements, etc.—and they all say at once the comfort kits and toilet articles. They come in from the front without even a toothbrush, and when I send the bags around by the other patients, they come back and say: 'Say, you oughter see how pleased those guys were—they said it was just like Christmas. They were all sitting up in bed looking at the things in their bags.'"

"The other day one man who had lost his right hand, called me over to him and said: 'Here, I'll donate my sewing-kit. My wife has got to do mine after this. I'm out of it. You can give this to some other fellow who needs it.' He had heard the others asking for sewing-kits all down the ward. They are in great demand and very hard to get."

MICKIE SAYS

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IDAHO SHEEPMEN WILL LOOSE MONEY

(By Associated Press)

BOISE, Jan. 20.—Idaho was benefited only to a slight extent by special war industries. There were no factories in the state which turned out war supplies and total of war purchases made in this state amounted to less than \$60,000 when the regular output of the fields, for wool and mules is eliminated.

The drop in the price of wool and of wool is having an embarrassing effect upon the mining and sheep-raising industries. The wool men in the northern part of the state, which are still operating on a war basis, so far as costs are concerned are threatened with an early shut-down. The sheepmen of the state also claim that they have enormous losses on this year's clip unless the government price of last year is to be applied. They point out in substantiation of this claim that sheepmen will be begun in less than six weeks and that the rest of this year's clip so far as labor, feed and production costs are concerned has been entirely on a war basis.

THREE FINGERED PITCHER QUITS THE BALL GAME

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—Marion Brown, veteran pitcher of three-fingered fame, probably will be lost to baseball. Brown, who pitched for Tinker in the management of the Columbus American association club last season, is so well satisfied with his position with an Indianapolis team that he intends to retire from the game. Brown pitched a star with the Chicago Nationals.

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